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**PETITION TO ACCEPT MISSING ITEMS IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Petition is in response to a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application mailed March 12, 2001 (reciting that Specification was not received with the Continuation application as deposited).

A patent application transmittal form and fee transmittal form for a continuation application, with a copy of the prior parent disclosure and oath and declaration, and a copy of a petition for extension of time for the parent, was sent by Express Mail on January 24, 2001. After several telephone calls with the Initial Patent Examination Division in response to the Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, applicant was informed that only 16 pages of the 36 page specification had been found as the specification was somehow separated from all the other documents mailed in the same package. Although Applicant submitted a copy of the parent disclosure with claims, it is Applicant's understanding that pursuant to Box 18 on the patent application transmittal form, incorporation of the prior disclosure can be relied upon if a portion is missing.

It is respectfully requested that this Petition to accept the enclosed disclosure (specification with claims, abstract and drawings) be accepted and that a filing date of January 24, 2001 be granted for the continuation application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to immediately charge the payment of the petition fee of \$130.00, as required by, 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i), to Deposit Account No. 500511. The Commissioner is further authorized to immediately charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment or refund to Deposit Account No. 500511.

Respectfully submitted,

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